

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Schedule of Taxes Assessed in the Fifth District in 1887 and 1888—Return by Banks and Insurance Companies—Gross Receipts of Ferry Companies.

Below we furnish our readers with an accurately prepared statement of the assessments made by and under the authority of David Miller, United States Assessor of the Fifth Collection District, in this city, during the twelve months ending March 1, 1889, comparing the items in the several exhibits herein given, with the "classified abstract" in use in the Assessor's office, for the preceding twelve months. An enormous diminution in the internal revenue assessments is perceptible, which is readily accounted for, principally by the unsettled state of the country and a serious decline in trade through various causes. Associated at the present period with Assessor Miller are thirteen assistant assessors, whose promptitude in despatching the annual business devolving upon them seems not to be equalled at this time in this city or in Brooklyn. The offices of the Assessor and Collector, which up to April 1, 1888, were located at No. 53 Broadway, are now at No. 338 Broome street, in the Mechanics and Traders' National Bank Building, at which place a considerable amount of business is being attended to, in the manner of copying, auditing and collecting the annual (income) taxes for the year 1887 and the special taxes (formerly termed "licenses"), which expire May 1, 1889.

The district, though of small area, is divided into eleven divisions, comprising the Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth wards.

The Collector of the Fifth is Lewis J. Kirk, vice Joseph Hoxie, resigned. The attachés of his office are Messrs. J. A. Phillips, Deputy Collector; J. Hunt, cashier, and Charles Boole, general assistant.

While the late "amendatory act" of the act of June 30, 1884, relieves all but certain specified manufacturers from a monthly tax upon the sales of their products at the place of manufacture on and after April 1, 1885, it nevertheless holds every manufacturer for taxes due prior to that date and not paid by their respective collectors. It is estimated that by this extraordinary repeal of sections ninety-four and ninety-five of the above mentioned act at least \$40,000 per month in taxes from this source of revenue will be swept away, as it were, from the collections of this district after April 1, 1885.

The annual list for the present year has been completed and will be open for inspection on May 1, and for a period of ten days thereafter, within which time appeals from erroneous and excessive taxes against those charged therein will be heard by the Assessor and determined upon.

In the several divisions assessments here presented the time commences with the month of March, 1887, unless otherwise specified—

CLASSIFIED ABSTRACT STATEMENT.

Tax assessed on gross receipts..... \$307,622
 Tax assessed on sales of dealers, etc..... 34,498
 Tax assessed on gross receipts of ferry companies..... 119,241
 Tax assessed on licenses and successions..... 9,827
 Tax assessed on bank capital and deposits..... 5,438
 Tax assessed on bank and insurance companies' dividends and profits..... 24,712
 Tax assessed on distilleries and breweries..... 30,297
 Tax assessed on cotton..... 3,875
 Fines, etc., recovered by suit..... 8,084
 Fines, etc., recovered in court..... 2,627
 Unassessed penalties..... 242
 Interest and forfeitures..... 242

Grand total..... \$1,245,713

AGGREGATE AMOUNTS OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL TAXES FOR 1887, 1888 AND 1889—A COMPARATIVE LIST.

	1886.	1887.	1888.
March.....	\$147,227	\$107,148	\$107,148
April.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
May.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
June.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
July.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
August.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
September.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
October.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
November.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
December.....	120,220	143,538	143,538
Total.....	\$1,245,713	\$1,245,713	\$1,245,713

The principal subjects of tax in this district are refined sugar, cigars and tobacco, distilled spirits, income, dividends of incorporated companies and the gross receipts of theatres and ferries. To the reader some knowledge of the increase and decrease in taxes under the several heads just enumerated during the last year, as compared with the previous year, we append the following statement:

	1886-7.	1887-8.
Refined sugar, tax.....	\$184,019	\$184,019
Cigars, tobacco and snuff, tax.....	89,895	89,895
Distilled spirits, tax.....	191,988	191,988
Income, tax.....	32,392	34,386
Dividends, capital and deposits.....	27,194	27,194
On the gross receipts of theatres and ferries.....	7,519	9,827
Legacies and successions.....	7,519	9,827

GROSS RECEIPTS OF THEATRES.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
Niblo's theatre.....	\$47,814	\$47,814
Pastor's Opera House.....	31,754	31,754
N. Y. State theatre.....	11,967	11,967
Hotel's theatre.....	11,967	11,967
Theatre Comique.....	50,118	1,902

GROSS RECEIPTS OF FERRIES.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
N. Y. and Brooklyn Ferry Co.....	\$61,453	\$18,043
Navy Yard Ferry Co.....	22,299	22,299

TAXES ASSESSED ON RETURNS OF CAPITAL AND DEPOSITS OF BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES' PROFITS.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
Oriental Bank, on capital and deposits.....	\$6,189	\$6,189
Bank of Deposit.....	650	650
Bank of Commerce.....	2,796	2,796
National Health Insurance Co., on premiums.....	881	881
Traders' National Bank, on premiums.....	2,029	2,029
State Street Fire Insurance Co., on premiums.....	2,465	2,465
Pacific Fire Insurance Co., on premiums.....	2,465	2,465
N. Y. Fire Insurance Co., on premiums.....	2,465	2,465
Assessments on gross receipts of banks.....	1,187	1,187

Amount of Tax.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
Banks and tanks.....	\$57,708	\$57,708
Boats and boatsmen.....	1,432	1,432
Candles.....	4,432	4,432
Carrriages.....	20,293	20,293
Carriages, unoccupied of theatres and ferries.....	2,029	2,029
Chocolate and cocoa.....	340	340
Cigars of all descriptions.....	89,895	89,895
Clipping of fur.....	24,712	24,712
Coffee, roasted and unroasted.....	10,297	10,297
Confessionary, by the pound and otherwise.....	101	101
Cutlery.....	101	101
Jewelry and imitations.....	61,943	61,943
Furniture.....	5,742	5,742
Gas fixtures and chandeliers.....	36,842	36,842
Hoop skirts.....	10,297	10,297
Iron manufactures and castings.....	10,297	10,297
Lamps and lanterns.....	6,857	6,857
Machinery.....	1,096	1,096
Paper collars.....	943	943
Photographs.....	15,917	15,917
Plates and musical instruments.....	15,917	15,917
Sewing machines.....	6,189	6,189
Sales, are and burglar proof.....	716	716
Scales.....	832	832
Sewing machines.....	10,297	10,297
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